

FOREWORD

This guide contains standards and practices to minimize wildland fires that may be caused by operations and maintenance of railroad transportation systems. These standards and practices are based upon studies and experiences of fire agency and railroad operations personnel. The standards are to be considered as minimums and the various practices are offered as suggestions and examples of what has been tried and found successful in various situations.

It is expected that all personnel who make inspections of railroad rolling stock or rights-of-way or who prescribe hazard reduction work or other fire prevention measures will be thoroughly familiar with the contents of this Guide. It is intended that the Guide be given wide distribution at the field level in both the fire agencies and the railroad companies. These personnel should use the Guide, refer to it regularly and observe the principles and practices included herein.

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